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Senate Resolution No. 28

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Joseph G. Campbell posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on December 10, 2018

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joseph G. Campbell posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony to be celebrated on Monday, December 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Born to the late Mary Aloysia (Martley) and James David Campbell on September 1, 1911, in Colonie, New York, Joseph Gregory Campbell graduated from St. John's Academy in Rensselaer, New York, in

1930; and

WHEREAS, Following high school, Joseph G. Campbell played on several basketball and baseball teams for many years, and was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the Rensselaer Twilight League; and

WHEREAS, On September 19, 1938, Joseph G. Campbell married the former Henrietta Matson and together, the couple raised three daughters; Barbara, Carol and Deborah in Rensselaer; he was the loving grandfather of seven grandchildren, Kathleen, Sheila, Janice, Elizabeth, James, Eileen and David; and 11 great-grandchildren, Joseph, Ethan, Christopher, Rory, MacKenzie, Emma, Sarah, John, Gavin, Maci and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Campbell enlisted in the United States Army on March 3, 1944, and proudly served his country as a Rifleman with the 71st Division during World War II; he could read maps and use a compass and consequently, often acted as first scout; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service, Joseph G. Campbell was the recipient of the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on January 16, 1946, Joseph G. Campbell returned to his hometown and owned and operated Campbell's Sunoco Service Station on Columbia Turnpike for more than 45 years; and

WHEREAS, After his much deserved retirement, Joseph G. Campbell enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren; he also loved to spend time outdoors, whether it was fishing for trout or tending to his vegetable

garden; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Campbell died on February 16, 1988, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Joseph G. Campbell demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Joseph G. Campbell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on December 10, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joseph G. Campbell.